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March 27, 2000

VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: In the Matter of Application of Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc., for a Certificate to Provide Competing Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services, Docket No. 00-00233

Dear Executive Secretary:

Enclosed are 15 copies of response to an information request in the above matter. Please file 14 copies and return the additional copy to me marked "filed" in the enclosed envelope.

The response does not include the financial requirements, Small and Minority-owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan, or sworn testimony. I expect to have this information to the Authority by Friday, March 31, 2000.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Karen Nations

Enclosure
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CC: Darrell Whitis

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INFORMATION REQUEST

METROMEDIA FIBER NETWORK SERVICES, INC. (00-00233)

Administrative Requirements

Please provide an organizational chart of the corporate structure.

A: See Exhibit A.

Technical Requirements

Please provide the following information regarding the network data:

A. Geographic area coverage: Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, entire state, etc.
Specify areas which will be excluded.

A: MFNS seeks statewide authority. Construction will begin in Nashville.

B. Location of switches – i.e., cities.

A: Initially, MFNS will offer only non-switched service and will not deploy any switches.

C. Method of deployment.

A: MFNS will construct a technologically advanced, high-bandwidth, fiber optic communications infrastructure throughout Tennessee. It will also lease Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) from incumbent LECs to interconnect to provide service to its customers. MFNS has negotiated an interconnection agreement with BellSouth. It will negotiate additional agreements with other incumbent LECs as necessary.

D. Type of equipment: DMS-100 or 5ESS, etc. Fiber Rings, etc.

A: MFNS was formed to construct facilities-based dedicated and private line fiber optic communications infrastructure and lease dedicated private line fibers and capacity of such infrastructure to communications carriers and corporate/government customers. MFNS installs as many as 864 fibers per route mile, compared to generally lower number of fibers per mile used by its

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competitors, thus providing it with installation, operating, and maintenance cost advantages per mile relative to its competitors. MFNS' network is capable of using the highest commercially available data applications such as frame relay, ATM, multimedia, and Internet-related applications. MFNS believes that the advanced technical characteristics of its network will allow it to provide high levels of reliability, security, and capacity that its target customers typically demand. MFNS' proposed network will support a self-healing SONET architecture that minimizes the risk of downtime in the event of a fiber cut and provides customers with high security and reliability. Future extensions of the intra-city networks will also support a SONET ring architecture.

E. Services offered (If voice grade service is provided, will 911, etc. be offered?)

A: MFNS will offer facilities-based and resold non-switched dedicated local exchange, exchange access and intrastate private line, high capacity fiber optic transmission facilities and services. The services will be offered to other certified competitive telecommunications providers and to commercial/government customers. E911 service will not be offered.

F. State if there are any CPE (Customer Premise Equipment) requirements that would not be compatible with an incumbent carrier.

A: No.

G. Need Repair and Maintenance information:

a) Insure customer service will meet needs of customer.

A: MFNS will continuously monitor and maintain high quality control of its network on a 24-hour basis through its network operations center in order to insure customer service will meet the needs of its customers.

b)Phone number for repair and maintenance (customer service).

A: Customers may call 888-MFN-ASST (888-636-8778) for repair and maintenance service.

c) Address for written communication of repair and maintenance.

A: Customer may write to Customer Service, One N. Lexington Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601.

d)Name and address of Tennessee contact person responsible for and knowledgeable about providers operations.

A: The TRA may contact Karen Nations, Senior Attorney, regarding MFNS' Tennessee operations. Ms. Nations' contact information is:

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One Meadowlands Plaza
East Rutherford, NJ 07073
Telephone: (201) 531-8053
Facsimile: (201) 531-2803
e-mail: knations@mmfn.com

Financial Requirements – To Be Provided

Please provide the following information:

- A. Estimated cost of network, switches, and unbundled network elements (UNE's).
- B. Most recent audited financial statements:
 - 1. Balance Sheet
 - 2. Income Statement
 - 3. Statement of Cash Flows
- C. Projected financial statements (three (3) years.):
 - 1. Balance Sheet
 - 2. Income Statement
 - 3. Statement of Cash Flows
- D. Capital Expenditures Budget (three years):
 - 1. Equipment to be deployed
 - 2. Cost of equipment
 - 3. Sources for funding Tennessee network, equipment, UNE's: cash, loan commitments, vendor credits, letters of credit, etc. (complete detail)
- E. Please quantify amounts included in the financial statements and projections relating to reciprocal compensation for terminating ISP traffic.

Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan: To Be Provided

Please provide a Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan as specified in TCA 65-5-212.

A. TCA. 65-5-212 provides applicant shall file a plan with the Authority along with application for certificate. Such shall contain entity's plan for purchasing goods and services from Small and Minority telecommunications businesses and information on programs, if any, to provide technical assistance to such businesses. Please provide the Plan containing the following elements.

B. Typical Plan:

1. Policy statement
2. Definitions from statute
3. Implementation of plan
4. Measures to contact such businesses in advisement of opportunities for bid of services
5. Programs for technical assistance
6. The Plan should also set forth how it will be administered, the administrator's name, title, address and duties.

A: MFNS' Plan will be provided under separate cover.

VI. TRA Rules for Local Telecommunications Providers:

Applicant should serve notice of its application on the eighteen (18) incumbent local exchange telephone companies in Tennessee with a statement regarding the company's intention of operating geographically. The TRA requires a written certificate of service from the applicant.

A: A Certificate of Service was sent to the Authority on March 22, 2000. A copy is also attached at Exhibit B.

VII. Toll Dialing Parity Plan for Applicants Providing Voice Grade Service:

Since the applicant intends to provide voice grade service, they must file an appropriate toll dialing parity plan for TRA consideration with the application. If applicant offers Voice Grade Service, then a Toll Dialing Parity plan shall be filed with the application. Consistent with FCC Docket 96-98.

A: MFNS will not be offering switched service and requests a waiver for filing a Toll Dialing Parity plan.

VIII. Miscellaneous:

Provide the following information:

- A. Sworn pre-filed testimony is needed for CLEC applications. This testimony should describe the services to be provided, the applicant's technical, managerial, and financial abilities to provide the services and affirm that all information submitted is true and correct. **To Be Provided.**
- B. Applicants involvement in pertinent mergers, acquisitions, etc.? Provide a chart showing the applicant's corporate structure.

See Exhibit A. In March, 1999, MFNS' parent, Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. ("MFN"), acquired Communication Systems Development, Inc. In September, 1999, MFN acquired AboveNet Communications, Inc. In January 2000, MFN acquired MIBH, Inc.

- C. Are customer deposits required? If so, amount required? Is the applicant bonded for the amount of the deposits?
Note: Tariffs should be filed subsequent to applications approval and before commencing operations (tariffs filed with application are informational only, not official filings)

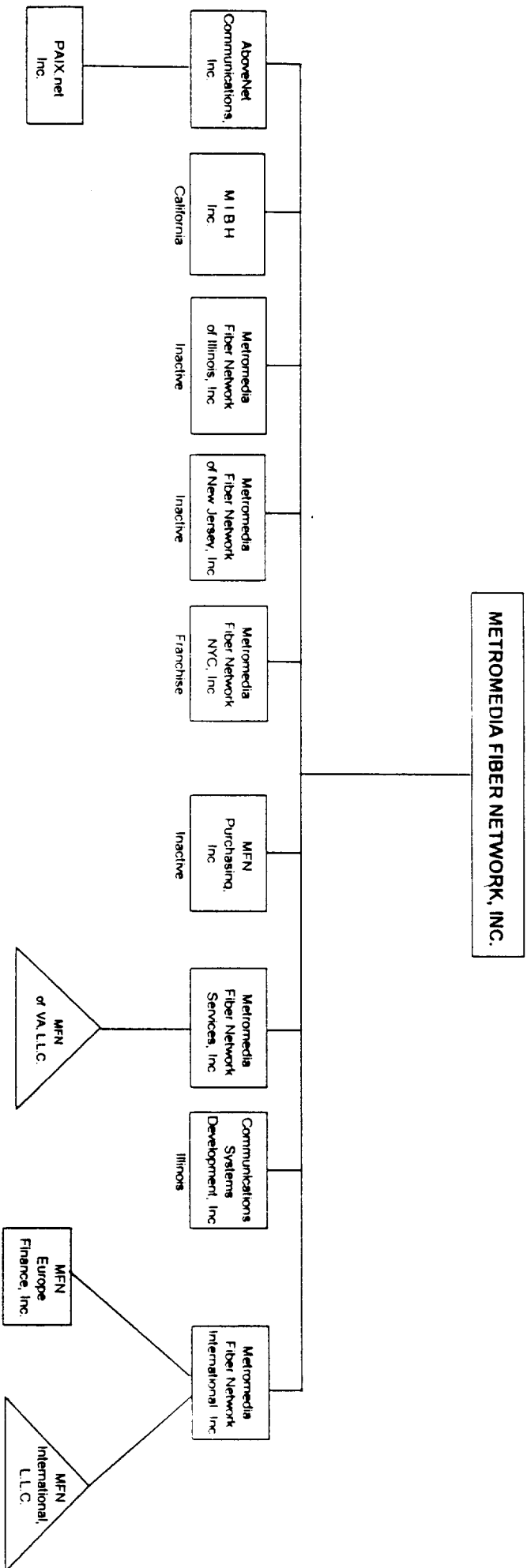
A: In certain circumstances, customer deposits will be required. MFNS' tariff will set out all terms and conditions for deposits as required by Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 1220-4-2-.11. Generally the rules for deposits are:

- A) To safeguard its interests, the Company may require the Customer to make a deposit to be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. The deposit will not exceed an amount equal to:
 - 1) three months' charges for a service or facility which has a minimum payment period of one month; or
 - 2) the charges that would apply for the minimum payment period for a service or facility which has a minimum payment period of more than one month; except that the deposit may include an additional amount in the event that a termination charge is applicable.
- B) A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment.
- C) When a service or facility is discontinued, the amount of a deposit, if any, will be applied to the Customer's account and any credit balance remaining will be refunded. Before the service or facility is discontinued, the Company may, at its

option, return the deposit or credit it to the Customer's account. If the amount of the deposit is insufficient to cover the balance due to the Customer's account, the Company retains the right to collect any amounts owing after the deposit has been applied plus any costs related to the collection of any remaining balance.

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EXHIBIT A



METROMEDIA FIBER NETWORK, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES
As of March 10, 2000

<u>Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>DBA</u>
Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc.	DE	
Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc.	DE	
AboveNet Communications, Inc.	DE	
PAIX.net, Inc.	DE	
M.I.B.H., Inc.	CA	
Communications Systems Development, Inc.	ILL	Metromedia Fiber Network Services of Texas
Metromedia Fiber Network of New Jersey, Inc.	DE	
Metromedia Fiber Network NYC, Inc.	DE	
International Optical Network, L.L.C. (f/k/a MFNRAC, L.L.C.)	DE	ION
MFN of VA, L.L.C.	VA	
MFN Purchasing, Inc.	DE	
Metromedia Fiber Network International, Inc.	DE	
MFN Europe Finance, Inc.	DE	
MFN International L.L.C.	DE	
Metromedia Fiber Network Canada Inc.	Canada	
Metromedia Germany Holding GmbH	Germany	
Metromedia Fiber Network GmbH	Germany	
Metromedia Fiber Network Services GmbH	Germany	
MFN Finance GbR	Germany	
Metromedia Fiber Network B.V.	Netherlands	
Metromedia Fiber Network ICN B.V.	Netherlands	
Metromedia Fiber Network Europe Ltd.	U.K.	
Metromedia Fiber Network UK Ltd.	U.K.	
MFN Anglo-Dutch Holdings Limited	U.K.	
Metromedia Fiber Network Italia Srl	Italy	
Metromedia Fiber Network France SAS	France	
Metromedia Fiber Network Belgium SPRL	Belgium	
Metromedia Fiber Network Services GmbH	Austria	
Metromedia Fiber Network Denmark ApS	Denmark	
Metromedia Fibre Network Hungary kft	Hungary	
Metromedia Fiber Network Ireland Limited	Ireland	
Metromedia Fiber Network Luxembourg S.A.	Luxembourg	
Metromedia Fiber Network Spain, S.L.	Spain	
Metromedia Fiber Network Switzerland GmbH	Switzerland	

EXHIBIT B

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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and Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services)
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TO: All Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers in Tennessee

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc. has filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority an Application for a Certificate to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange service, exchange access service, and interexchange service to the public in the entire state of Tennessee.

DATED this 22nd day of March 2000.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Notice of Application of Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc. were served via first class mail on this 22nd day of March 2000 on the following:

Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.
P.O Box 549
517 Ardmore Avenue
Ardmore, TN 38449
(205) 423-2131
(205) 423-2208 (Fax)

5615 Man Street
Ooltewah, TN 37363

BellSouth
333 Commerce Street
Nashville, TN 37201-3300
(615) 214-3800
(615) 214-8820 (Fax)

Citizens Communications Company
Of Tennessee
P.O. Box 770
300 Bland Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

Century Telephone of Adamsville
P.O Box 405
116 N. Oak Street
Adamsville, TN 38310
(901) 632-3311
(901) 632-0232 (Fax)

Citizens Communications
Company of the Volunteer State
P.O. Box 770
300 Bland Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

Century Telephone of Claiborne
P.O. Box 100
507 Main Street
New Tazewell, TN 37825
(423) 626-4242
(423) 626-5224 (Fax)

Loretto Telephone Company Inc.
P.O. Box 130
Loretto, TN 38469
(931) 853-4351
(931) 853-4329 (Fax)

Century Telephone of
Ooltewah-Collegedale Inc.
P.O. Box 782

Millington Telephone
Company, Inc.
4880 Navy Road
Millington, TN 38053
(901) 872-3311
(901) 873-0022 (Fax)

Sprint-United
112 Sixth Street

Bristol, TN 37620
(423) 968-8161
(423) 968-3148 (Fax)

TDS-Telecom-Concord
Telephone Exchange, Inc.
P.O. Box 22610
701 Concord Road
Knoxville, TN 37933-0610

TDS Telecom-Humphreys
County Telephone
Company
P.O. Box 552
203 Long Street
New Johnsonville, TN 37134-0552

TDS Telecom-Tellico
Telephone Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 9
102 Spence Street
Tellico Plains, TN 37385-0009
(473) 671-4600
(473) 253-7080 (Fax)

TDS Telephone-Tennessee
Telephone Company
P.O. Box 18139
Knoxville, TN 37928-2139


(423) 922-3535
(423) 922-9515 (Fax)

TEC-Crockett Telephone
Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 7
Friendship, TN 38034
(901) 677-8181

TEC-People's Telephone
Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 310
Erin, TN 37061
(931) 289-4221
(931) 289-4220 (Fax)

TEC-West Tennessee
Telephone Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 10
244 E. Main Street
Bradford, TN 38316
(901) 742-2211
(901) 742-2212 (Fax)

United Telephone Company
P.O. Box 38
120 Taylor Street
Chapel Hill, TN 37034
(931) 364-2289
(931) 364-7202 (Fax)


Karen Nations

Dated: March 22, 2000